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FM AMEMBASSY BANJUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5633

INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR POUCH

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USINT HAVANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANJUL 0923

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GA CU UR MPOL

SUBJ: GAMBIAN VIEW OF SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA

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1. GOTG IS CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA. THE GAMBIA HAS ALWAYS HELD USSR AT ARMS LENGTH, THERE BEING NO PERMANENT USSR PRESENCE IN BANJUL, AND NO SOVIET AID PROGRAM HERE. GAMBIAN CONTACT WITH CUBA IS MINIMAL, PROBABLY CONFINED TO JOINT ATTENDANCE AT UN, NAM, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. SEC GEN CHRISTENSEN RECENTLY TOLD CHARGE GOTG FULLY SUPPORTS WESTERN RESPONSE TO SHABA II, POINT WHICH ACTING PRESIDENT A. B. N'JIE MORE FORCEFULLY REITERATED WITH BRITISH HI COM IN RECENT CONVERSATION ON ZAIRE. ESSENTIALLY, GOTG SEES MOSCOW AND HAVANA AS SIGNIFICANT DESTABILIZING INFLUENCE IN AFRICA, BUT IT HAS NOT REALLY FOCUSED ON PROPER RESPONSE. WE WOULD PREDICT THAT THE GAMBIA WOULD SUPPORT AN AFRICAN INITIATIVE TO COUNTER SOVIETS, BUT ONLY IF ACTION HAD BROAD APPROVAL AMONG AFRICAN MODERATES.

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3. BANJUL REGRETS LATENESS OF RESPONSE BUT BECAUSE

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